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TAGS: PINS, ASEC, AR
SUBJECT: NEWSPAPER BOMBED

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)
U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/IPS
Margaret P. Grafeld, Director
☒ Release ☐ Excise ☐ Deny
Exemption(s): DISCONTROL
Declassify: ☐ In Part ☒ In Full
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Date ☐ Declassify on ☐ Reason ☐

1. THE LARGEST NEWSPAPER IN THE SECOND LARGEST CITY IN ARGENTINA WAS BOMBED ON JAN 23. A GROUP ESTIMATED AT UP TO 60 MEN PLACED FOUR BOMBS IN THE PRINTING PLANT OF "LA VOZ DEL INTERIOR" IN CORDOBA. THE RESULTING EXPLOSIONS ALMOST TOTALLY DESTROYED THE PRINTING FACILITY. THE ATTACKERS, SOME OF WHOM WORE HOODS AND CARRIED AUTOMATIC WEAPONS PAINTED "AAA", THE ISIGNIA OF ARGENTINA'S MOST ACTIVE RIGHT WING TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, ON THE WALLS BEFORE LEAVING.

2. THE PAPER APPEARED THE NEXT DAY USING THE PRESSES OF A RIVAL PAPER, BUT HAS NOT PUBLISHED SINCE. ACCORDING TO LA VOZ, IT STOPPED USING PRESSES OF OTHER PAPER WHEN EMPLOYEES THERE WERE THREATENED WITH DEATH IF THEY CONTINUED TO ASSIST LA VOZ DEL INTERIOR. IT IS EXPECTED TO BE BACK IN OPERATION THIS WEEK WITH ITS OWN PRESS.

3. THE PAPER, WHICH HAS BEEN CRITICAL OF THE GOA IN THE PAST, HAS IN ITS COMMUNIQUE SINCE THE TERRORIST ATTACK BLASTED BOTH PROVINCIAL AND NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS FOR THE LACK OF PROTECTION

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AND BLAMED THEM FOR "ALL ACTIONS AGAINST THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH".
IN ADDITION, THE PAPER STATED THAT THE TERRORISTS "ENJOY TOTAL
IMPUNITY IN THEIR ACTIONS".

4. ONE EXPLANATION OF THE INCIDENT WHICH IS BEING OPENLY
DISCUSSED IN HIGH FEDERAL POLICE CIRCLES IS THAT LOPEZ REGA
ORDERED THE BOMBING IN ORDER TO EMBARRASS FEDERAL INTERVENTOR
RAUL LACABANNE, WHO CLAIMED SOME WEEKS AGO THAT ORGANIZED
TERRORISM HAD CEASED TO EXIST IN CORDOBA. LOPEZ REGA'S DESIRE
TO CAUSE LACABANNE'S EMBARRASSMENT ALLEGEDLY STEMS FROM A
DEVELOPING FEUD BETWEEN THE TWO. LACABANNE IS IDENTIFIED WITH
COL JORGE OSINDE, WHO ALTHOUGH AN EXTREME RIGHT WINGER, HAS
NO USE FOR LOPEZ REGA.

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